

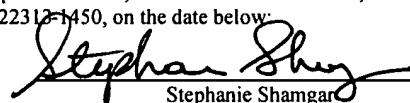


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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
REMOTE DISCOVERY AND  
CONFIGURATION OF A  
NETWORK DEVICE

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**RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 25, 2006**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2006. In furtherance of the present application, declarations of Charles W. Cochran and Billy S. Little are enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. Particularly, these declarations provide evidence that Applicants invented the claimed subject matter prior to the effective date of the Watanabe reference cited by the Examiner in the most recent Office Action. These declarations make reference to Exhibits A-C, which further evidence prior invention by the Applicants and are also included with the present communication. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks and the appended declarations and exhibits.